



**Waterloo Catholic
District School Board**
Quality, Inclusive, Faith Based Education



Experience France!

Grade 10 Student Exchange program with France

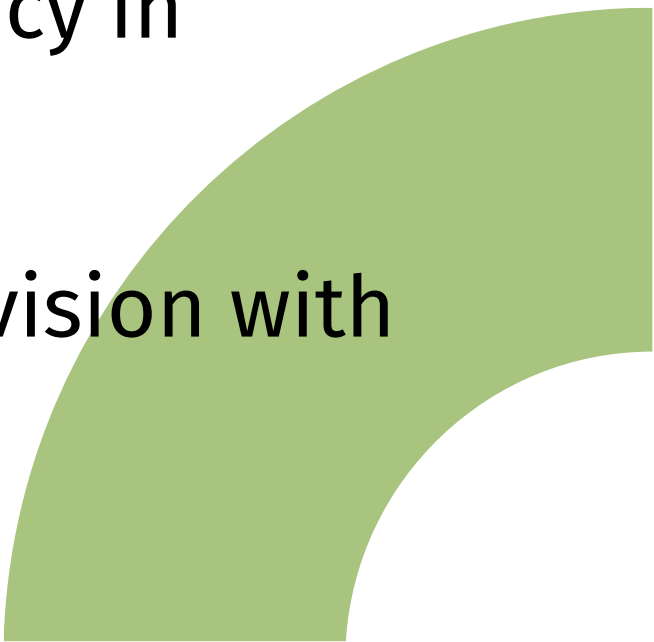
Why do we offer Exchanges?

Opportunity for students to:

- learn firsthand about other educational systems and cultures
- broaden understanding of the global community and how they can be a part of making the world a less divided place
- begin or enhance their ability to communicate in a different language
- develop friendships from around the world
- Increase self confidence, resiliency, independence, empathy, cognitive flexibility and problem-solving skills



Why France?

- Connections with the Ontario Curriculum – particularly our French Immersion and Core French Programs
 - Hosting French students and studying in France supports students in developing competency in speaking French
 - We have a strong relationship and shared vision with our partner in France
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French Partner

We have partnered with Mobiliteen Educational Travel Agency for this Exchange opportunity



Grade 10 Reciprocal Exchange with the Brittany region of France

- 1. September/ October 2025 – WCDSB students travel to France for 4 weeks**
 - 2. April/ May 2026 (dates tbd) – French students travel to Waterloo Region for 4 weeks**
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Where in France?

- **The exchange will be in the Brittany and Loire-Atlantique Regions of France (on the West Coast)**
- **This is approximately 2 hrs from Paris on the high speed train**
- **Cities include – Vannes, Nantes, Cholet and Angers**





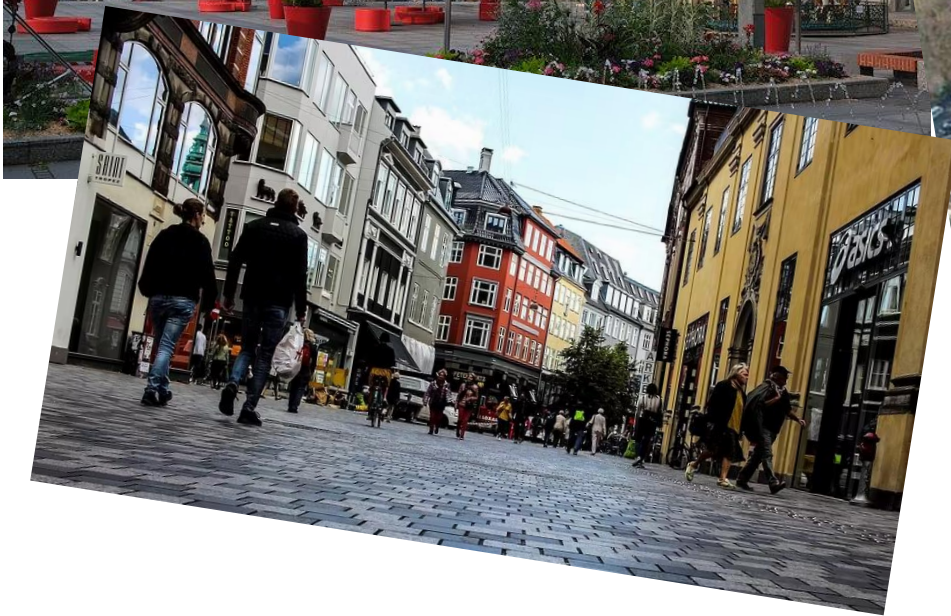
Vannes



Nantes



Cholet



Angers



What does it cost?

The Cost for the
2025-26
Exchange will
be \$3800

- **This includes:**

- Flights to France
- Travel Insurance
- Transportation to and from both airports
- Special events and excursions in Waterloo region
- WCDSB chaperones with students in France
- Exchange swag
- 24 hr support in both Canada and France
- Administrative costs



Next Steps If You Are Interested...

- Talk to your adults at home – If you are an interested family, please scan the QR code below and complete the form – we need this info to ensure your adults are informed and we can send them information



Or go to this site:

[France Exchange Information Session interest form](#)

- Plan to attend one of our in-person information meetings:
 - St Benedict – Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Lecture Hall
 - St David - Thursday, January 16th, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Lecture Hall

Next Steps If You Are Interested...

- Contact Carla Santomero

Carla.Santomero@wcdsb.ca with questions



Thank you



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